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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and Peace, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn (second left) and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Ambassador Alison Stone Rooffe (left) share a moment with (l-r) 2nd place winner of the Transforming Our Police Service (TOPS) Competition in the poster category, Jisselle Wallace and teacher at the Spanish Town High School, Mr. Tyrone Rowe. The competition was organised by the Police Civilian Oversight Authority with the award ceremony held on Thursday (December 18) at the National Police College of Jamaica in Twickenham Park, Spanish Town, St. Catherine.

**TOPS Competition bridging the gap between law enforcement and citizens -
Minister Cuthbert-Flynn**

“Awardees, you are, in fact, more than police officers, you are catalysts for hope and agents of transformation,” declares Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and Peace, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn.

The State Minister made the remark on Thursday (October 18) while delivering greetings at the Transforming Our Police Service (TOPS) Awards Ceremony for Area 5, held at the National Police College of Jamaica in Twickenham Park, Spanish Town, St. Catherine.

Minister Cuthbert-Flynn pointed out that the awards ceremony is a powerful symbol of commitment that bridges the gap between law enforcement and citizenry.

She further added, **“It also honours the dedication and resilience of our officers, whose efforts continue to strengthen the fabric of public safety in Jamaica now more than ever.”**

The TOPS Competition, organised by the Police Civilian Oversight Authority (PCOA), is a strategic tool that was launched in 2019, to deepen the alignment of the policies of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) while uplifting the morale of police officers.



In congratulating all the awardees, Minister Cuthbert-Flynn specially commended the members of the JCF for their unwavering commitment during the passage of Hurricane Melissa.

She said the police officers embody many roles.

“From rescuing families to delivering babies, our officers dedicate themselves to their fellow citizens and face every kind of weather in the name of service,” the State Minister shared.



Sergeant Latoya Mighty from the Brown's Hall Police Station (left) joyfully receives the Transforming Our Police Service (TOPS) Competition Top Station Award for the St. Catherine North Division. Member of the Police Civilian Oversight Authority, Ms. Vivette Miller hands over the award on Thursday (December 18) at the award ceremony held at the National Police College of Jamaica in Twickenham Park, Spanish Town, St. Catherine.

Furthermore, in her remarks, Chief Executive Officer for PCOA, Mrs. Otarah Byfield-Nugent said despite the impact of Hurricane Melissa, the decision to host the annual awards ceremony was taken to acknowledge the achievements of the police officers in Area 5 and the students who participated in the secondary school poster competition.

She reiterated that resilience and adaptability are essential to success in the face of uncertainty.

Mrs. Byfield-Nugent noted that **“we are here to celebrate their hard work, dedication and service, and we stand with those officers in the West who are showing their unwavering commitment to continue to serve, protect and reassure the rest of us despite their own personal challenges. It is a testament of their resilience and core values of the Jamaica Constabulary Force”.**